

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

## My Mother's Garden.

Her heart was like her garden,  
Old-fashioned, quaint and sweet,  
A wealth of buds and blossoms  
Laid in a still retreat.  
Sweet violets of sympathy  
Were always opening there,  
And lilacs white and pure, unclouded,  
Each one a whispered prayer.

Forget-me-nots there lingered  
To late perfection brought,  
And there bloomed purple pansies  
In many a tender thought,  
There hope's first snowdrops took deep  
root  
And flowered because they must.  
Then love's own roses reached toward  
heaven  
On trellises of trust.

And in that quiet garden—  
The garden of her heart—  
Song birds built nests, and caroled  
Their songs of cheer apart,  
And from it still floats back to us,  
Overcoming sin and strife,  
Sweet as the breath of roses bloom,  
The fragrance of her life.

—Alice E. Allen in Good Housekeeping.

## Parker—Lester.

The wedding of Miss Lucile C. Lester, daughter of Mrs. N. E. Lester, of Richmond, to Mr. Floyd J. Parker, also of this city, was celebrated Wednesday, August 24th, at 11 o'clock A. M., in the home of Dr. G. Clinton Blades, No. 143 North Broadway, Baltimore, the Rev. Joshua H. Willis, pastor of the Fourth Baptist Church, officiating.

Pretty drawing-room decorations were in palms and flowers. The bride party came into the strains of the wedding chorus from Lohengrin. The bride wore a traveling costume of blue cloth, a blue hat and carried a shower of lilies of the valley. Her matron of honor, Mrs. G. Clinton Blades, had on a lace robe over tulle. Her flowers were Bride roses.

The two bridesmaids, Miss Pappy Russell and Miss Anna Le. Cato, were dressed in white net over pink silk, and had bouquets of pink roses. Mr. and Mrs. Parker are now spending their honeymoon in Atlantic City. They will be at home in Richmond, after September 24, at No. 21 West Marshall Street.

## Hall—Bragg.

The following item from the New York Evening Mail, will be read with interest in Richmond. It says:

Miss Nannie McDonald Bragg, formerly of Petersburg, Va., became the bride of Mr. Stanley Alexander Hall, formerly of Kingston, Jamaica, last evening, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Richard F. Bell, at the home of the bride, No. 41 West Eighteenth Street. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Ernest E. Bragg, of Birmingham, Ala., wore a gown of cream Panama cloth, with a bodice of old lace. Her veil was held by a wreath of jasmine, and she carried a cascade bouquet of Bride roses.

She was attended only by a maid of honor, Miss Elsie I. Sonne, who was gowned in white tulle and lace, and carried pink bridesmaid roses. The best man was Mr. Percival W. Hall, brother of the bridegroom.

Hydrangeas, roses and ferns formed the decorations. A small reception followed. Mr. and Mrs. Hall went to the Adirondacks on their wedding trip.

## Fork Union.

One of the most enjoyable entertainments of the Fork Union season, now closing, was the war-play, "Down in Dixie," which was so finely rendered by home talent recently.

Each character was sustained in a most creditable manner. Among the particularly noticeable stars were Colonel I. B. Wood, as "Uncle Mosley," and Miss Rosa Sneed, as "Savannah." Among the specialties to be mentioned were beautiful solos by Misses Agnes Sadler and Martha Mosley Sneed; a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Will Todd, and vocal selections by Masters Laurie and Buddie Green, which brought down the house. In lieu of a town hall, the stage was erected in the Academy, and the chapel and halls were filled to overflowing. The proceeds amounted to over one hundred dollars. The success of the play is largely due to the efficient management of Mrs. Julian Martin, who had it in charge.

A specially pleasant house party, including, among other guests, Mrs. Astor and son, Mrs. J. B. Green and little boys, of Surrey, Va., who have been spending the summer at their old home, "Whitehall," near Fork Union, with their sister, Mrs. C. B. Wood, was just broken up by the departure of the members for their respective homes. Much regret is felt by their friends over saying goodbye to Mrs. Astor, Mrs. Green and their children. The ladies, before their marriage, were much admired Fox Union girls, and the summer has been one of joy to their old acquaintances as to them.

## Misses Cox Honored.

The Misses Cox, of Farmville, who have been guests at Buckingham of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Jones, who entertained Tuesday evening in their honor. Among those present beside the guests of honor were Misses Grace, Edna and Lucie Rhodes, Misses Janie, May and Fannie Croupe, Misses Louise and Florence Jones and Miss Louise Mytinger, of Romney, W. Va. The gentlemen were Messrs. John Garnet, Joseph ones, Grizz Elkins, N. Crute, Joel Elkins, Gordon Elkins, Otto Mueller and John P. Sheppard, of Richmond, Va.

## Personal Mention.

General and Mrs. William Ruffin Cox, who spent August at Lake Tuxaway, N. C., are now at their home, No. 69 West Grace Street, Mr. Herbert Claiborne. Mrs. Cox's son, who has been in North Carolina during the summer will return to the University of Virginia and Mr. Hamilton Claiborne, his younger brother, will go to the Episcopal High School, near Alexandria, Va.

Mrs. Frank Powers and children, Mrs. W. E. Evans and Miss Evans will be home this week after a summer spent at Mrs. Evans' country home in the North Carolina mountains.

Colonel S. H. Young, who has been abroad for some time, has returned. Miss Young has been having a delightful summer in the mountains of Virginia.

Mrs. W. T. Robins leaves this morning to spend September with her family at Massanutta Springs.

Miss Ella Hamilton, of Petersburg, and Mr. George W. Bain, of Waverly, Va., were married at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning in Wesley M. E. Church, the Rev. J. A. Thomas officiating.

Mrs. Astor, Master Astor, Mrs. J. B. Green and sons spent Wednesday night

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## Poems You Ought to Know.

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Professor Charles Eliot Norton.

No. 598.

SEPTEMBER.

By GEORGE ARNOLD.

George Arnold was born in New York City on June 24, 1834. His early life was passed in Alton, Ill., where his parents lived until 1849, when they removed to New Jersey to join a socialist community. George studied drawing, wrote humorous articles, and listed in the Union Army, served in one of the forts on Staten Island, and died at Strawberry Farms, N. J., on November 3, 1892.

Sweet is the voice that calls  
From babbling waterfalls  
In meadows where the downy seeds are flying;  
And soft the breezes blow,  
And eddying come and go  
In faded gardens where the rose is dying.

Among the stubbled corn  
The blithe quail pipes at morn.  
The merry partridge drum in hidden places,  
And glittering insects gleam  
Above the reedy stream,  
Where busy spiders spin their filmy laces.

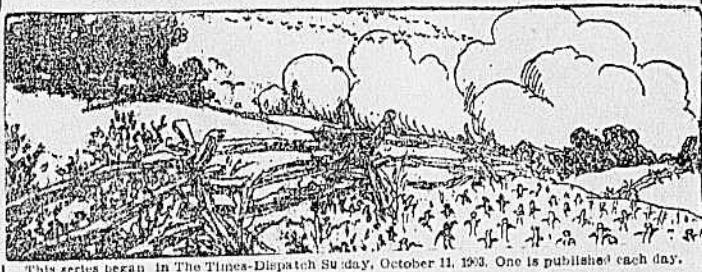
At eve, cool shadows fall  
Across the garden wall,  
And on the clustered grapes to purple turning;  
And pearly vapors lie  
Along the eastern sky,  
Where the broad harvest moon is redly burning.

Ah, soon on field and hill  
The wind shall whistle chill,  
And patriarch swallows call their flocks together,  
To fly from frost and snow,  
And seek for lands where blow  
The fairer blossoms of a balmy weather.

The cricket chirps all day,  
"O, fairest summer, stay!"  
The squirrel eyes askance the chestnuts browning;  
The wild fowl fly afar  
Above the foamy bar,  
And hasten southward ere the skies are frowning.

Now comes a fragrant breeze  
Through the dark cedar trees,  
And round about my temples fondly lingers,  
In gentle playfulness,  
Like to the soft caress  
Bestowed in happier days by loving fingers.

Yet, though a sense of grief  
Comes with the falling leaf,  
And memory makes the summer doubly pleasant,  
In all my autumn dreams  
A future summer gleams,  
Passing the fairest glories of the present!



This series began in The Times-Dispatch Sunday, October 11, 1903. One is published each day.

On their return they will be at home at No. 195 G Street.

Hon. Thomas E. Watson, of Georgia, former member of Congress and nominee for President on the Populist ticket of 1904, is negotiating for the purchase of Gunston Hall in Fairfax county, Va. Gunston Hall was the former home of the Mason family, and is rich in historic association.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl von Mayhoff, the latter the sister of ex-Representative Jefferson M. Levy, returned to New York last week from an extended trip in Europe. Mrs. von Mayhoff was with Congress and during his summer stay at his country place, "Monticello," the former home of Thomas Jefferson, in Virginia.

Invitations have been received by friends in Richmond for the marriage of Miss Edith Austin Paris, to the Rev. Willoughby Newton Claybrook, formerly of Virginia, the wedding to take place September 6th at 5 P. M., in the Church of the Nativity, Huntville, Ala.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry S. Pole, of Hot Springs, Va., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Helene, to Mr. T. A. Sterrett. The wedding will take place in the latter part of September.

Mrs. W. G. Stannard and her mother, Mrs. Newton, will return to Richmond this week. Mrs. Stannard has been spending some time at Hot Springs, Va.

Mrs. Courtney Jenkins, who has been at Brunswick Inn, Waynesboro, Va., for August, is now visiting Mrs. Susan Dent. Miss Frances Jenkins, who returned from Waynesboro with her mother, is at No. 25 East Franklin Street, with her brother, Mr. Allen Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Bannett have returned from a trip to Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, and are now located at their new residence, No. 940 West Grace Street.

## THE INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 1905.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

SUBJECT: The Captivity of Judah.—II Chron. xxxiv: 11-21.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Be sure your sins will find you out."

By REV. J. E. GILBERT, D. D., Secretary American Society of Religious Education.

KINGDOM OVERTHROWN.—The plan, progress and downfall of nations may be studied by all with interest and profit. No one can read the history of a people without learning important lessons pertaining to man's social relations and their lessons concerning the eternal principles of righteousness which all men must regard if they would live long and usefully. An eminent American has said: "History is but a register of the crimes and misdeeds that man has inflicted on his fellow man. It is a record of the human nature, to which we industriously add page after page, volume after volume, as if we were building a monument to the honor rather than the infamy of our species." And yet below this dark record we may find what? The noblest and farthest Divine purpose to which the whole creation moves. We are now to study the closing chapter in a kingdom which God everthrew in a hundred and twenty years. Let us move thoughtfully along the lines of the narrative.

ZEDKIAH'S CAREER (verse 11, 12).—There are many estimates to be made of men. It is chiefly important to know what God thinks of them. This is their character and their work in His sight. Dan. v: 27. The inspired penman has placed upon the sacred page a fine record of the career of the last Jewish king. That record tells the length of his reign, eleven years beginning with the bloom of early manhood was on his brow and when vigor was in his body. That reign had two characteristics—he was a rebel against God, whom he ought to have served as the rightful head of the nation, and he was a rebel against Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, who had made him vassal king. His offenses were due in one and the same cause—he was self-necked and hard-hearted, determined not to be submissive to either God or man. This is the inscription that might have been made at his burial, had a grave been provided for him.

SINFUL PRIESTS (verse 13).—Wickedness was not confined to the king of Judah. Whether by Zedekiah's example we are not informed the ministers of the temple were corrupted. Under the Mosaic institution, a class of men had been set apart to conduct public worship, and thus promote morally and piety among the people. Later they had been divided into classes, appointed to serve in succession, giving them much leisure, which might have been employed in their personal profit. They were also amply provided with the necessities of life, supplied by the offerings of the people. Priests, therefore, held a highly honorable station. It was required of them that they should consecrate themselves to the duties of their station. (Lev. xxi: 2.) But instead they prostituted themselves to the service of idols and polluted the house of the Lord. They led the people astray when they should have served in the Lord.

DIVINE ENTREATY (verse 15).—This departure from God was rather long, but it was prolonged, determined and aggravated. The priests and the people whom they guided to idolatrous practices were not left to pursue their evil course without admonition. Through all the years, while the sinful practices continued, God raised up men to speak for Him. Upon these men His spirit (Isa. li: 1) came to them to give the message. They stood forth, the purest, bravest, most self-sacrificing men the world has ever known—a line of prophets whose names are brilliant with unearthly splendor. It is enough to mention these names—Isaiah, Jeremiah, Hosea, Joel, Amos and others—to awaken even now the admiration of men for the work they did. They reproved the sin, and pleaded for righteousness. They warned of judgment, not counting their lives dear to them. They were sent because God had compassion upon his people. (Prov. ix: 10.) No man deserves more kindly reception than he who comes in the name of God. One may wander in a false path, but he may be overtaken by temptation or ensnared by adversaries. But when another comes to his rescue, sheds light on his path to show that it leads to death, points out the right and safe way, offers help and guidance into it, and does this with a pure and disinterested motive, it is to be expected that a thankful spirit will be manifested toward such a benefactor.

But not so with the people of Judah. They were so confirmed in their sinful course as to reject the good words of the prophets. They even mocked the messengers who came to them on these errands of mercy. They treated their best friends and the best friends of the nation with contempt. (Isa. vi: 37). They indulged in offensive speech and in cruel acts, and by long-continued and obstinate rejection, exposed themselves to Divine wrath.

CHALDEAN INVASION (verse 17).—God is both merciful and just. He forgives the penitent and punishes the impenitent. (Ex. xxxv). The Jews should have known this; for it had been plainly declared in their early history and frequently illustrated and reaffirmed in the passing centuries. Had they heeded the words of the prophets, had they repented and turned to God, the nation would have been saved. But after a long period of rebellion and wickedness, all to one end, the punishment of God was exhausted and the nation game. There is but one way by which nations may be chastened—neighboring nations may be employed to chasten the Divine will. It does not signify that the other nation is free from fault or even that God is more pleased with it. But the chastening of the nation is the punishment for him upon another people, the latter possibly dearer to him. So it was that the "children of the Jews" were chastened by the "children of the Chaldeans." The word "chastened" is used in the Bible, having no compassion upon young or old. Temple Akebi, heheheth heheheth (Isa. lvi: 12). The word "chastened" is used in the Bible, having no compassion upon young or old. Temple Akebi, heheheth heheheth (Isa. lvi: 12). The word "chastened" is used in the Bible, having no compassion upon young or old. Temple Akebi, heheheth heheheth (Isa. lvi: 12).

ENSLAVED PEOPLES (verse 20 and 21).—One might well pause here and hope that this is the end of the national career. But the conqueror was suffered to proceed still further in chastening the Jews, and in fulfillment of the prophet's prediction. (Jer. xlv: 3.) The word "chastened" is used in the Bible, having no compassion upon young or old. Temple Akebi, heheheth heheheth (Isa. lvi: 12). The word "chastened" is used in the Bible, having no compassion upon young or old. Temple Akebi, heheheth heheheth (Isa. lvi: 12).

SEED PROPHETS.—Let the story be repeated briefly—the king, a rebel against God and man; the priests, confirmed idolaters; the faithful prophets despised; the message of God rejected; the land loaded; the temple burned; the instruments of religious service dishonored; the people deported to stand on the hill of Sion, meditate on that story, and then the desolation on every side. The people were ever more exalted than the Jews, none ever came into great misfortune. Let other nations beware. (Prov. xiv: 34.) There is no hope of escape but in righteousness. "There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations." He setteth up his purposes and plans. Let good men only be entrusted with the affairs of government. Require all holy, isters of religion to be clean and holy, consecrated to their high calling. Let the words of truth spoken by men for God be received with gladness and obeyed by all.

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List of Those Who Will Appear  
Against Dr. L. D. Batkins.

The Health Committee, at a regular meeting to-night, will look into the charges of "drunkenness, carelessness," etc., lodged against Dr. L. D. Batkins, one of the physicians to the poor of the city, by Mr. H. L. Matthews, a citizen of Richmond.  
The committee which will conduct the inquiry is constituted as follows: Messrs. Julius A. Robson (chairman), Bennett, Cottrell, Farguson, West and Grimes.  
So far no definite specifications have been filed by Mr. Matthews with the clerk of the committee, but it is counsel Richmond Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Newman will be at No. 6 West Grace Street, for the winter.  
Dr. and Mrs. Alfred L. Gray will occupy No. 312 East Franklin Street for the winter.  
Mrs. N. M. Shert, of No. 614 East Grace Street, will leave next week to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. P. R. McAdams, of Rindlemann, N. C.  
Miss Rose McMullen, formerly of Fairfax, Va., now of Washington, was married Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock to Mr. Seymour F. Davis, of Washington, in the home of Rev. William H. Chapman. A party of friends of the bride and groom were witnesses of the pretty ceremony. The bride wore a becoming traveling gown of dark gray. She was attended by her sister, Miss Lottie McMullen, as maid of honor. Mr. and Mrs. Davis left the city immediately after the ceremony for a honeymoon trip to Niagara Falls. On their return in about